

2 BOMBINGS LAID TO 4 IN HOUSTON

2 Identified as Klansmen—
Jury Inquiry to Go On

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HOUSTON, June 11—A state grand jury investigating right-wing terrorism in Houston indicted four young men on bombing charges today. Two of these indicted have been publicly identified by a leader of the Ku Klux Klan as being klan members.

The grand jury has also been considering charges against six others and is expected to resume its deliberations on Monday.

Those indicted today were accused of the dynamiting of radio station KPFT, which is operated by the Pacifica Foundation, and of the pipe-bombing of the headquarters of the Socialist Workers party in Houston.

Assistant District Attorney Warren A. White said he believed that today's indictments would halt, at least temporarily, terrorist activities in Houston. "I think it has been made evident that if a person commits this type crime, he lays himself open for indictment, trial and conviction," he said in a statement.

The Pacifica radio station in Houston and the local Socialist headquarters have been frequent targets of violence in the last two years. KPFT was knocked off the air in the spring and fall of 1970 when its transmitter was dynamited. The Socialist headquarters were bombed on March 12 of this year. Previously and subsequently, night riders have fired rifles into it.

Other Places Bombed

Other bombings believed inspired by right-wing terrorists in Houston include the bombing of a hippie cafe, the Family Hand Restaurant; a motorcycle shop, Sport Cycles of Houston, and an architect's office.

The four men indicted today were identified by the grand jury as Louis R. Beam Jr., 24 years old, a salesman; Peter Lout Jr., 26, a construction worker; Jimmy Dale Hutto, 24, a chemical worker, and Paul William Moratto, 24, an electrician.

Mr. Beam and Mr. Moratto have described themselves as public relations men for the Ku Klux Klan. A klan leader also said that Mr. Beam was a member of the klan's bureau of investigation.

Frank Converse, operator of a Houston gun shop and the grand dragon of the United Klans of America, Inc., in Texas, has said that the klan has infiltrated left-wing organizations through its bureau of investigation and that it had uncovered evidence that the left-wing organizations planned disturbances in Houston this summer. Mr. Converse was called as a

witness last week by the grand jury but he said he had refused to testify, citing the First, Fifth and 14th Amendments to the Constitution as a reason.

The klansman said that he planned to run for sheriff in Houston on a platform of sheets and sawed-off shotguns.

The United Klans, which Mr. Converse heads in Texas, is associated with the United Klans of America headed by Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Mr. Converse said he did not believe that any klansmen had been involved in any of the bombings in Houston.

None of the four men indicted today had been arrested late this afternoon, although Mr. Hutto already was in Federal custody on a charge of conspiring with Mr. Moratto to dynamite Pacifica Foundation radio stations in California. The two men were arrested in February by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as they were driving toward California.

Mr. Moratto was released from jail in February on \$3,500 bail on the Federal charge.

State District Judge Edmund Duggan set bonds of \$10,000 on the charges brought against the four men today.

The grand jury began its investigation late last month after clamor from a number of liberal organizations that the police were making no attempt to arrest right-wing terrorists. The names of several alleged terrorists were made public as long as a year ago.

The Pacifica Foundation's nonprofit, listener-financed radio stations, including WBAI in New York, have given access to a wide variety of advocates and have frequently been the center of free-speech controversies.

In 1969, for example, the reading of an allegedly anti-Semitic poem by a black militant over WBAI generated wide protests, a flurry of bomb threats and a withdrawal of support by hundreds of subscribers.

Bomb threats to WBAI's sister stations in Los Angeles and Berkeley have also been reported.

In 1963, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee conducted an extended investigation of charges that the Pacifica stations had been infiltrated by the Communist party, but the charges never were substantiated.

On several occasions, renewal of Pacifica's broadcasting license has been opposed on the ground that four-letter words had been used on the air.